

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A apparatus such as a stretcher or guernsey, and method, for engaging  
5 acquiring and transporting an injured person or some other person or object. The  
apparatus comprises a base, housing or frame having a low clearance portion; a  
first conveyance assembly movably connected to the housing for moving the  
housing with respect to the ground or another base surface; a second conveyance  
assembly movably connected to the housing for moving the person or object with  
10 respect to the housing; and a power member for moving the first and second  
conveyance assemblies. The apparatus is liftable by other persons to transport the  
person or object to another location. The method comprises the steps of moving a  
housing having a low clearance portion so that the low clearance portion moves  
toward and under the person or object; and moving the person or object relative to  
15 the housing. The device and method are mechanized and substantially automated.  
The device moves so that the person or object remains stationary during loading.

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